

Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha

*(Registered under the Societies Registration
Act XXI of 1860)*

Memorandum of Association
AND
Rules and Regulations



HEAD OFFICE :

~~KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019.~~
RANKHAL, HARDWAR.

TRUSTEES

1. Brahmachari Jogesh	—	—	Life Trustee
2. Shri B. K. Shah	—	—	upto 31.3.85
3. Swami Swarupananda	—	—	" "
4. Brahmachari Bhaskarananda	—	—	" "
5. Brahmachari Nirvanananda	—	—	" "
6. Brahmachari Nirmalananda	—	—	" "
7. Shri Govind Narain	—	—	" "
8. Shri M. L. Khaitan	—	—	" "
9. Shri G. N. Roy	—	—	" "

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Memorandum of Association

(As revised and adopted on November 18, 1972)

A. SHREE SHREE ANANDAMAYEE SANGHA

B. Bhadaini, Varanasi (U. P.)

C. The Objects of the Sangha are :—

1. Relief of the poor, education, medical relief and the advancement of any other object of general public utility, not involving the carrying on of any activity for profit.
2. To promote and diffuse knowledge in philosophy and mysticism of religion and in methods of self-realisation and worship of, and approach to God.
3. To seek inspiration from Shree Shree Mata Anandamayee (hereinafter referred to as 'Ma') and to participate in all activities inspired by Her for the spiritual advancement of mankind.
4. To promote and propagate such methods of discipline (Sadhana) for self-realisation and/or realisation of God, as are inspired by Ma and/or approved of by Her.
5. To collect Ma's Vani (sayings) and facts regarding Her life and to publish the same for providing inspiration, knowledge and enlightenment to the people.

6. To found libraries and/or reading-rooms containing books, magazines and other educational materials for the benefit of the public and to encourage creation and publication of literature and other educational materials for the advancement of humanity.
7. To organise functions and ceremonies including Yagnas and discourses of learned men in such manner and at such place as the Sangha might from time to time decide for the spiritual advancement of mankind.
8. To provide facilities for the training up of devoted and dedicated individuals including Sanyasis, Brahmacharis, Brahmacharinees who dedicate their lives to Sadhana for self-realisation and to help and guide people in general in their cultural and spiritual advancement through the philosophy and/or guidance of Ma.
9. To own, and/or maintain, and/or manage, and/or supervise, and/or control, and/or regulate all Ashrams, Temples, Institutions and properties belonging to the Sangha, and/or which may be entrusted, and/or affiliated to the Sangha, and/or amalgamated therewith, and/or otherwise transferred thereto, provided that the name of 'Ma' shall, as far as practicable, form part of the name of such Ashrams, Temples and other Institutions.
10. Consistent with the aims and objects of the Sangha to start new Ashrams or other institutions and to do the needful in maintaining the same.
11. To provide residential accommodation in the Ashrams for persons seeking spiritual and cultural

advancement, including Sadhus, Brahmacharis and Brahmacharinees and other deserving persons and to provide for their maintenance.

12. To provide for travelling and other expenses of Sadhus, Brahmacharis and Brahmacharinees and other deserving persons seeking spiritual, philosophical and religious knowledge, to spiritual centres.
13. To create, set up and maintain endowments, Trust or Trusts and to disburse the income and corpus on such terms and conditions and to arrange the management thereof on such terms and conditions as the Governing Body may stipulate for one or more of the objects of the Sangha.
14. To give stipends, scholarships, allowances or monthly maintenance to Sanyasis, Brahmacharis and Brahmacharinees of the Ashram or to other deserving persons for education or for the purpose of attaining spiritual advancement.
15. To give medical relief to deserving persons and/or provide financial aid for medical assistance to Sadhus, Brahmacharis and Brahmacharinees or other residents of any Ashram of the Sangha.
16. To start centres for the benefit of the members of the Sangha, aspiring for spiritual life and practising group Sadhana.
17. To develop, maintain, carry on and enlarge Educational Centres, comprising Residential Schools, Day Schools, Colleges, Libraries, Laboratories and Research Institutions.
18. To impart training in literature and science, industry and vocational trades and professions in spiritual environment.

19. To distribute amongst the public, books and other publications which may be published by the Sangha.
20. To establish, maintain, carry on and enlarge institutions, including Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Health Centres to serve the sick and needy by arranging for their treatment and by extending to them all possible help.
21. To establish centres for collecting, maintaining and preserving objects, books, articles and things connected or associated with Ma, being of special interest and importance or veneration.
22. The above objects are to be carried out withouty distinction of caste, colour or creed.
23. To carry on any other work which may directly or indirectly promote any of the above mentioned objects.
24. To give loans, donations or gifts to any charitable institution of cash or moveable or immovable property or by way of lease, including a perpetual lease of any immovable property at a nominal rent on such terms and conditions as the Governing Body of the Sangha may deem fit.
25. To transfer and handover to any charitable institution any one or more of the activities of the Sangha on such terms and conditions as the Governing Body of the Sangha may deem fit.
26. To take over, acquire, manage, control or aid an existing institution or institutions having objects either wholly or partly similar to the objects

of the Sangha and on such terms and conditions as may be thought expedient.

27. For the purposes aforesaid to sign, execute and deliver all such assurances and deeds and writings as may be necessary and to do and carry out or assist in doing and carrying out all such matters and things as likely to promote the objects of the Sangha.
28. To acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, lease or hire or otherwise howsoever any lands, buildings, easements, rights of common play-ground, parks and any property movable and/or immovable and for any estate or interest for the furtherance of all or any of the objects of the Society.
29. To build, construct and maintain houses or other buildings and alter, extend, improve, repair, enlarge or modify the same including any existing buildings and to provide and equip the same with light, water, drainage, furniture, fittings, instruments, apparatus and appliances and all other necessities for the use to which each building is to be put up or held.
30. To construct or otherwise acquire, layout, repair, extend, alter, enlarge, improve and use any land, recreation or pleasure-grounds, parks and/or any other immoveable property belonging to or held by the Society.
31. To accept and receive in any manner whatever, any donation, endowment, subscription, grant, gift of cash or immovable or movable property from individuals, Governments, Municipality, Trust or institution either unconditionally or subject to any special trusts created by any parti-

- cular donor in furtherance of any one or more of the objects of the Society. To accept from any donor an endowment of fully paid-up shares of a limited company or other securities with no liability attached to it, and to hold such shares or securities in perpetuity, if the donor so directs,
32. To take such steps as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Society.
 33. To print, publish and exhibit any books, pamphlets or posters that may be considered desirable for the promotion of the objects of the Society.
 34. To sell, manage, transfer, exchange, mortgage, demise, dispose of or otherwise deal with any property, whatever, movable or immovable belonging to the Society.
 35. In connection with, or in relation to, all or any of the objects aforesaid and herein mentioned, to make collections and disbursements, and to purchase, take lease of, or exchange, or let out on lease, or otherwise acquire, and to deal with any immovable properties of all descriptions and interest therein and to allow any person to erect any building or structure on the land of the Sangha at his own cost for the use and/or benefit of the Sangha or upon such terms as the Sangha may think fit and to deal with all movable properties of the Sangha and also to invest the moneys of the Sangha in securities of the Government or other Trustee Securities, Fixed Deposits in Scheduled Bank or in Savings Bank accounts in Post Offices.

36. To borrow or raise loans, if necessary, by creating charges upon all or part of the property of the Sangha or in such manner as the Sangha thinks fit.
37. To make, draw, accept, endorse, sign and negotiate cheques, drafts, orders, bills of lading, promissory notes, bills of exchange, hundies, and other negotiable instruments for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Sangha.
38. To establish branches, centres, incorporate or affiliate or co-operate with any society, association or institution in any part of India or the world having objects wholly or partly similar to any of those of the Sangha.
39. To enter into agreement or arrangement with Municipalities, District Boards, Central or State Governments, religious and philanthropic trusts or institutions, health or educational organisations, of any place in the world.
40. To pay, out of the funds or assets of the Sangha, all costs, charges and expenses of, and incidental to, the promotion, management and conduct of the object and the business of the Sangha, legal or arbitration expenses, and/or welfare of the employees and their families.
41. To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned objects or any of them. And it is hereby declared that the interpretation of any of the above-named objects shall not be restricted by reference to any other object or by juxtaposition of two or more objects and in the event of any ambiguity, they

shall be construed in such a way as to widen and not to restrict the powers of the Sangha to the intent that the Sangha shall be competent, for the furtherance of its objects, by legal and constitutional means.

42. To exercise all or any of the powers conferred by any of the above mentioned clauses in any part of India or the world either as principal or through agents, trustees or otherwise.
43. Generally to make rules and regulations for furtherance of the above named objects.
44. The income and assets and property of the Sangha, however received, acquired or derived, shall be applied solely and exclusively to the promotion and fulfilment of the objects of the Sangha, as hereinbefore set forth and no portion thereof shall be paid to, or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise whatsoever by way of profits, to the members of the Sangha or to any of them or to any person claiming through them or any of them.



Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(As amended upto 31st December, 1980)

1. The Sangha having its registered office at Varanasi, U.P. is formed for the purposes expressed in its Memorandum of Association.

2. MEMBERS

All persons, irrespective of colour, creed or caste, who have attained majority, and institutions, who make an application in writing in the prescribed form and agree to accept the objects of the Sangha as laid down in the Memorandum and to abide by its rules and regulations may become members of the Sangha on being elected by the Executive council.

(Institution shall mean and include Club, Trust, Firm, Company, Society and other incorporated body,)

(1) ORDINARY MEMBERS :

Applicants for ordinary membership shall be elected at a meeting of the Executive Council which shall have the right subject to ratification by the Governing Body to reject any application for membership. An ordinary individual

Member shall be liable to pay a sum of Re. 1/- as admission fee and a subscription of Rs. 30/- annually, and in the case of an institution Rs. 101/- and Rs. 250/- respectively. The Executive Council may, for sufficient reasons, exempt any Member from payment of the whole or part of the subscription.

(2) LIFE MEMBERS :

Any ordinary individual Member who pays, with the object of becoming a Life Member, a sum of Rs. 2000/- or any institution which pays a sum of Rs. 2,500/- in cash or makes a gift of immovable property of like amount to the Sangha shall become a Life Member of the Sangha without having to pay any periodical subscription in future. The husband or wife of a Life Member is eligible to be a Life Member of the Sangha on payment of Rs. 500/- only provided that he or she is already an Ordinary Member.

(3) ASCETIC MEMBERS :

A Sanyasi or Brahmachari or Brahmacharinee shall be eligible to be elected a Member of the Sangha and shall on election, be enrolled in a separate Register of Ascetic Members. An Ascetic Member shall not be liable to pay any admission fee or subscription.

3. Rights and Privileges of Members :

All Members of the Sangha, whether Ordinary Members, Life Members or Ascetic Members, shall have the same rights, duties and privileges and shall be subject to the same restrictions.

4. List of Members :

The General Secretary, hereinafter mentioned, shall keep Registers of different classes of Members at the registered office with their respective addresses.

5. Change of address of Members :

Every Member shall notify to the General Secretary his change of address as early as possible; otherwise the address mentioned in the Register of Members shall be deemed to be the permanent address and all notices or other things sent or delivered to the said person by post or otherwise to the said address shall be deemed to be of good service.

6. Suspension or Removal of Members :

(1) A member shall cease to be a Member upon resignation, removal or non-payment of subscription for three months after the due date, but may be re-elected in such manner as the Governing Body may from time to time decide.

(2) If, in the opinion of the Governing Body, a Member indulges in activities prejudicial to the objects and work of the Sangha, the Governing Body may, after giving one month's notice to him to explain his conduct, remove his name from the Register of Members of the Sangha by a majority consisting of three-fifths of the votes of the total number of Members of the Governing body, votes being exercised by ballot. A Member so removed, shall not be re-enrolled, unless directed by the Governing Body.

7. Composition of the Governing Body :

(1) There shall be Governing Body consisting of 41 Members and constituted in the following manner :—

(a) Twentyone Members to be elected from amongst the Members of the Sangha at a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Sangha convened for the purpose.

(b) Fifteen Members to be nominated by the outgoing Governing Body from amongst the Ascetic Members of the Sangha.

(c) Five Members to be nominated by the outgoing Governing body from amongst the names proposed by the Managing Committee of the Branch Ashrams and Institutions under the Sangha.

(2) For the purpose of the election under Rule 7 (1) (a), a Member shall be entitled to nominate another Member for election and the nomination paper signed by the proposer must reach the registered office of the Sangha at least seven days before the date of election.

(3) For the purpose of nomination under Rule 7 (1) (c), the Managing Committee of each Branch-centre hereinafter mentioned shall be entitled to nominate not more than two names and their proposals must reach the registered office of the Sangha at least seven days before the date of election.

(4) Election to the Governing Body shall be by secret ballot.

- (5) No person shall be eligible for election to the Governing body unless he has been a Member of the Sangha for at least twelve months, or a shorter period, if so permitted by the Executive Council, next preceding the date of his nomination.
- (6) Subject to Rule 7 (9), the term of office of a nominated Member shall be three years from 1st January.
- (7) Subject to Rule 7 (8), one-third of the elected Members of the Governing Body shall retire every year by rotation. The Members to retire shall be those who have been the longest in office.
- (8) The first Governing Body under the Revised Rules and Regulations shall be constituted before 15th April 1959, and the newly elected Governing Body shall come into office on that date. One-third of the elected Members of the newly-elected Governing body shall retire on the 31st December, 1959 and another one-third shall retire on 31st December, 1960. The Members to retire on the aforesaid two dates shall be determined by drawing lots.
- (9) The term of office of the nominated Members of the newly elected Governing Body shall expire on 31st December, 1961.
- (10) Except in the case of election and nomination to the first Governing Body under the Revised Rules and Regulations, steps shall be taken for the election and nomination of Members of the Governing Body before the expiry of term of such Members.

- (11) Any casual vacancy in the Governing Body shall be filled up by the remaining Members of the Governing Body from amongst the class of Members from which the previous Member had been elected or nominated and such Member shall continue in office for the period for which the original Member would have continued,

8. Powers and Jurisdiction of the Governing Body :

- (1) The entire management and control of the affairs, funds and properties of the Sangha and all powers generally shall vest in the Governing Body.

2. (a) The Governing Body shall appoint a Board of Trustees, consisting of eight members from amongst the members of the Sangha, in addition to the existing Life Trustees, four of these eight shall be Ascetic Members, three of these shall be non-Ascetic members, and the President of the Sangha, to manage and control the properties of the Sangha.

(b) The President of the Sangha shall be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall appoint one of them as Trustee Secretary.

(c) The Trustees shall be vested with such of the powers which may be specially determined for them by the Governing Body of the Sangha.

(d) The Board of Trustees shall not be entitled to purchase or alienate by sale, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of any immov-

sable property belonging to the Sangha, unless authorised by the Executive Council.

- (e) The Trustees shall hold all the Title Deeds of the properties of the Sangha, all documents of Endowments and Trusts and all securities including Fixed Deposit Receipts in respect of all endowments, all trusts and all special funds held for and on behalf of the Sangha, in safe custody for the Sangha. The power to transfer these properties including Fixed Deposit Receipts and other Securities shall vest in the Trustees; however, every such transfer shall be subject to the Resolution of the Executive Council. A copy of every such Resolution for transfer shall be certified by the President or Vice-President or General Secretary of the Executive Council.
- (f) The Trustees shall be responsible for repairs, demolitions and constructions of the properties of Sangha. All acts shall be with the approval of the Executive Council.
- (g) An ad-hoc budget shall be submitted by the Board of Trustees to the Executive Council for repairs and maintenance of the properties of the Sangha. All funds sanctioned by the Executive Council shall be deposited in a separate Bank Account to be operated by any two of three Trustees appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall submit the Accounts in respect of the disbursements from this account to the Executive Council every quarter.

- (h) The Trustees shall manage the properties of the Sangha and shall be entitled to authorise any other person or persons to maintain, protect or defend the Sangha properties and to attend to any proceedings or disputes in relation to the said properties.
- (i) The tenure of the Trustees shall be six years from the date of appointment of the Trustee or Trustees, i.e. upto 31st March, 1985.
- (j) At the General Election to be held for the Governing Body in the year 1985, two of seven Trustees shall retire and the Governing Body shall appoint in place of the two retiring Trustees, two Trustees from amongst the members of the Sangha for a term of three years. The principle of retirement by rotation shall apply, so that every year after 31st March, 1985, the Trustees shall be re-appointed by the Governing Body as their terms expire. The retiring Trustees shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (k) The Governing Body shall also fill up any vacancy arising by reason of a Trustee tendering his resignation or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Sangha, or by the death of a Trustee. No Trustee can be removed from his office except by a Resolution passed by a majority of members of the Governing Body at a meeting when the votes cast in favour of the resolution are not less than three times the number of the votes, if any, cast against the resolution by members entitled to vote.

- (1) The Trustees shall perform the functions referred to above and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be delegated to them by the Governing Body.
- (m) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, no alteration or amendment of this Sub-Rule 8(2) shall be made except by a Resolution passed by a majority of members of the Governing Body at a meeting, where the votes cast in favour of the Resolution are not less than three times the number of the votes, if any cast against the Resolution by members entitled to vote.
- (3) The Governing Body shall have powers to frame Rules for the proper management of the affairs of the Sangha and shall be competent to add to amend, alter, vary or revoke, from time to time any of such Rules.
- (4) The Governing Body shall be competent to delegate by a resolution to any Member or Members or any body or bodies any such of their powers authorities or duties as they shall from time to time think fit and shall also be competent to revoke the same at their pleasure.
- (5) The Governing Body shall have the right to nominate for fixed period any person or persons as Members of the Sangha whom they consider to be deserving by virtue of their life and service to the Sangha and who subscribe to the ideals and objects thereof. Persons so nominated shall not be liable to pay any admission fee or subscription.

9. Meetings of the Governing Body :

- (1) A meeting of the Governing Body shall be held atleast once a year. The General Secretary may, and shall, on requisition of the Members of the Governing Body, as hereinafter mentioned, call a meeting of the Governing Body. Twenty-one days' notice shall be given of a meeting of the Governing Body, provided that an emergency meeting of the Governing Body may be called at the discretion of the General Secretary, on a notice of atleast 10 days.

(2) REQUISITION MEETING :

Any *twenty* Members of the Governing Body may in writing ask the General Secretary to call a meeting of the Governing Body, specifying the purpose and setting out the resolution sought to be passed in the said meeting. If the General Secretary does not call a meeting within a month thereafter, the requisitionists may call the meeting themselves and in that event the notice of the meeting shall be signed by all of them, setting out the particulars as aforesaid. No requisition meeting shall be valid unless the notice convening the meeting is issued at least *three weeks* before the date on which the said meeting is to be held.

(3) QUORUM :

In case of meetings of the Governing Body, *twelve* Members present in person shall form a quorum. If the requisite quorum is not present at any meeting the same shall be adjourned for not less than *three weeks* and such adjournment

shall be duly notified to all Members. The quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be the number of the Members present in such meeting.

10. Composition of the Executive Council.

- (1) The Governing Body shall, at its first meeting, elect from amongst its Members, the Members of the Executive Council and the office-bearers of the Sangha, hereinafter mentioned.
- (2) The Executive Council shall consist of ten Members including :
 - (a) The President.
 - (b) The Vice-President.
 - (c) The General Secretary.
 - (d) Additional General Secretary, and/or Assistant General Secretary, and
 - (e) The Treasurer.

11. Powers & Jurisdiction of the Executive Council :

- (1) Subject to the general supervision and control of the Governing Body, all the powers of the Governing Body, except those that are by these Rules and Regulations specifically exercisable by it, and also except those that are, or may be delegated by it to the Board of Trustees, or to a person or body of persons, shall vest in the Executive Council, who will also be entitled to delegate any of its powers to any Mem-

ber or other person and execute a power of attorney in favour of any person or persons.

- (2) If, for any reason, the General Secretary or the Additional General Secretary or any of the Assistant General Secretaries or the Treasurer is unable to perform his or their duties, the Executive Council may nominate some other Member of the Council to perform such duties for such period as may be thought necessary.
- (3) The Executive Council may, whenever necessary, authorise and empower any person or persons to raise subscriptions, donations etc., from the public for furthering any objects of the Sangha by giving them a certificate in writing bearing the seal of the Sangha and such person or persons shall act under the direction of the General Secretary, who shall take accounts of the same from them.
- (4) Any casual vacancy in the Executive Council shall be filled up by the remaining Members of the Executive Council from amongst the members of the Governing Body.
- (5) The Executive Council shall continue to function during the term of the Governing Body and till a new Executive Council, as contemplated by Rule 10(1), is elected by the new Governing Body.

12. Meetings of the Executive Council :

- (1) The General Secretary, or the Additional General Secretary or in his absence, any of the Assistant General Secretaries may call a meeting of the Executive Council. All notices shall be

signed by the General Secretary or the Additional General Secretary or by any of the Assistant General Secretaries, specifying the date, place and the time of the meeting and also setting out in an agenda the items of business sought to be conducted. The notice shall be issued at least *seven days* before the date of the meeting.

(2) QUORUM :

In case of the meeting of the Executive Council, *four* Members present shall form the quorum. If the quorum is not present at a meeting, the same shall be adjourned for not less than seven days. The quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be the number of Members present in such meeting.

13. Office-bearers :

(1) PRESIDENT :

There shall be a President of the Sangha. He shall also be the President of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council and shall ordinarily preside over all meetings of the Sangha, of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council.

(2) VICE-PRESIDENT

There shall be not more than two Vice-Presidents of the Sangha, who shall also be the Vice-Presidents of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council. In the absence of the President at any meeting, the Vice-President, or any one of them, shall act as Chairman, and in their absence the Members present shall elect a chairman from amongst themselves.

(3) GENERAL SECRETARY :

There shall be a General Secretary of the Sangha who shall also be the Secretary of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council. He shall exercise general supervision over all affairs of the Sangha, including all the Branch-Centres. He shall be in-charge of all office-records, cash books, ledgers and other books of account of the Sangha and shall have custody thereof. All payments on account of the Sangha shall be made by the General Secretary and he will also have the power to receive and realise funds, dues, donations, contributions, subscriptions, etc. The amounts so received shall be made over by him to the Treasurer. The General Secretary shall keep true account of moneys received and disbursed, with proper vouchers. The Executive Council shall provide the General Secretary with imprest money not exceeding Rupees One thousand only.

(3) (a) ADDITIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY

There shall be an Additional General Secretary of the Sangha who shall be the Additional Secretary of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council. The Additional General Secretary shall have such of the powers of the General Secretary as the President may prescribe from time to time.

(4) ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY:

There shall be Assistant General Secretary of the

Sangha, who shall also be the Assistant General Secretary of the Governing Body and of the Executive Council. In the absence of the General Secretary, or, if for any reason the General Secretary is unable to work, the Additional General Secretary and/or the Assistant General Secretary or any one of them will work on behalf of the General Secretary as may be decided by the President.

(5) TREASURER :

There shall be a Treasurer of the Sangha. All monies paid to the Sangha shall be received by the Treasurer, and receipts therefor shall be issued by him. All monies in the hands of the Treasurer shall be sent by him to the bank of the Sangha.

14. Meetings of the Sangha :

(1) The Annual General Meeting shall be a meeting of the Members of the Sangha and shall be held once a year, preferably during the Durga Puja Celebrations, to be convened by the Executive Council. At such Annual General Meeting the audited accounts and the report of the auditors and a general report of the activities of the Sangha prepared by the General Secretary shall be placed before the Members and such other business as may be mentioned in the agenda by the General Secretary may be transacted.

(2) No business, not included in the agenda of a meeting, shall be brought up or discussed at such meeting unless ten days' previous notice thereof

shall have been given in writing to the General Secretary.

- (3) A Special General Meeting of the Sangha may be convened either by the President or the General Secretary, specifying the business to be transacted thereat, or, on a requisition signed by at least fifty Members of the Sangha, specifying the business to be transacted at such requisition meeting. If within three months from the date of delivery of such requisition to the President or the General-Secretary, the Special General Meeting so requisitioned is not convened, the requisitionists themselves may convene such Special General Meeting.
- (4) Notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be issued to all Members at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.
- (5) *Fifteen* Members present in person shall form the quorum in General Meeting of the Sangha.

15. Bank Accounts and Transactions :

The Executive Council shall open accounts in a Scheduled Bank and/or in a Postal Savings Bank in the name of the Sangha. Any *two* of the persons duly authorised by the Executive Council shall jointly have power to operate bank accounts of the Sangha, to draw interests on Government Promissory Notes, Fixed Deposits and other securities and to renew or consolidate such securities belonging to the Sangha.

16. Auditors :

At least once every year the accounts of the Sangha shall be examined and audited by a competent Auditor to be appointed by the Executive Council. The Auditor may be a Member of the Sangha. The report of the Auditor, together with the accounts audited by him, shall be placed by the Executive Council before the Members of the Sangha in the Annual General Meeting and shall be published in the Annual Report of the Sangha. The accounts of the Sangha and all its Branch-Centres shall be made up to 31st March of each year.

17. Seal :

The Sangha shall have a seal of its own which shall be in the custody of the General Secretary. All contracts, agreements, deeds of transfer, settlement or amalgamation, deeds of mortgage or deeds of assignment and instruments of sale of investments (securities or Government Promissory Notes), executed and signed in the name and on behalf of the Sangha shall bear the seal of the Sangha and a record of all such documents shall be kept in a Register by the General Secretary.

18. Branch-Centres :**(1) MANAGING COMMITTEE :**

For the efficient and proper management and maintenance of the different Ashrams, temples and/or institutions under the Sangha situated at different centres, the Executive Council shall appoint Managing Committees, consisting of mem-

bers and office-bearers from among persons interested in the work of the Branch-Centres concerned, in consultation with local Members of the Sangha as far as practicable or any other person, whom the Managing Committee consider necessary, for a period not exceeding three years. In the absence of any such Managing Committee, the duties and powers will be performed and exercised by such person or persons as may be authorised by the Executive Council, in that behalf.

- (2) The Managing Committees or persons appointed for the management of Branch-Centres shall direct the business of those centres in accordance with bye-laws that may from time to time be framed by the Governing Body.
- (3) The Managing Committees or persons appointed for the Management of Branch-Centres shall act according to the direction, control and supervision of the Executive Council and shall be responsible to the said Council for their acts and dealings.
- (4) Each Managing Committee shall consist of a President, not more than two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and not more than two Assistant Secretaries, and as many members as the Executive Council may decide, provided the total number of members including office-bearers shall not exceed ten.
- (5) The Managing Committee of any Branch-Centre, with the approval of the Executive Council, shall be entitled to appoint a Founder-President of the Branch and form an Advisory Board for consultation on all matters concerned with the welfare of the Branch-Centre and appoint Members thereof with the approval of the Executive

Council for a period not exceeding its own term,

- (6) The Managing Committee of any Branch-Centre shall be competent, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, to appoint, for a period not exceeding its own term, one or more sub-committees to carry on any particular work of the Branch-Centre.
- (7) The Executive Council of the Sangha shall be competent to dissolve any Managing Committee and to suspend or remove any person or persons appointed to manage a Branch-Centre or any member or office-bearer from any Managing Committee.
- (8) The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of a Branch-Centre shall have power to receive subscriptions, donations, grants etc. to the Branch-Centre and to issue receipts for the same.
- (9) The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of a Branch-Centre shall submit an Annual Report for the Branch-Centre to the General Secretary along with the Audit Report and a statement of accounts of the Centre after getting them passed by the Managing Committee. He shall also submit a monthly statement of income and expenditure of the Branch-Centre to the General Secretary so as to reach him not later than 15th of the next month.
- (10) The Proceedings of all meetings of the Managing Committee shall be submitted to the General-Secretary of the Sangha.

- (11) All moneys and deposit accounts unless deposited with the General Secretary or the Treasurer shall be kept in local Scheduled Bank and/or Postal Savings Bank in the name of "Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha." with the name of the Branch-Centre concerned attached to it.
- (12) The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of each Branch-Centre shall have power to operate on Bank accounts of the Branch-Centre.
- (13) No loan or financial liability of any kind shall be incurred by a Branch-Centre without the written sanction of the Executive Council of the Sangha.
- (14) The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of each Branch-Centre shall keep proper account of all receipts as mentioned in Rule 18 (8) and of disbursements from such funds with proper vouchers and these shall be audited every year by an auditor appointed by the Executive Council of the Sangha.
- (15) The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of each Branch-Centre shall obtain approval of the General Secretary before incurring any expenditure exceeding Rupees 1,000/- other than usual monthly expenses.
- (16) If any Branch-Centre is closed, the funds of such a Branch-Centre will, after meeting all its liabilities, be at the disposal of the Governing Body, who may utilise the same for such purposes and in such manner as they may consider fit.

19. Miscellaneous :

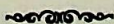
- (1) Subject to the provisions of Rules 8 (3) a Resolution in writing signed by a majority of the Members of the Governing Body shall be deemed as valid and effective as if it was passed in a meeting of the Governing Body.

- (2) **PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS :—**

All the proceedings of a meeting, whether of the Governing Body or of the Executive Council or of the Sangha, shall be properly entered in separate Minute Books respectively kept for the purpose by the General Secretary.

20. Dissolution :

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Sangha, there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities thereof, any property whatsoever, movable or immovable, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given and/or transferred to such other charitable or religious institutions, having objects similar to those of the Sangha, as may be determined by the then Members of the Sangha, assembled at a meeting on or before such dissolution and in default thereof by the principal Court of Original Jurisdiction of the District within which the registered office of the Sangha is for the time being located.



Branch-Centres of Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha

Branch Ashrams :

1. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Bhadaini, Varanasi, U.P. (Phone 62791)
2. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Vrindaban, U.P. (Phone 94)
3. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Ashtabhujia Hill, P.O. Vindhychal, U.P.
4. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Kishenpur, P.O. Rajpur, Dehradun, U.P.
(Phone : Rajpur 271)
5. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Kalyanvan, 176, Rajpur Road, Dehradun U.P.
6. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Sadhan Ashram
47/A Jakhan, Dehradun, U.P. (Phone 4038)
7. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Raipur Ordnance Factory, Dehradun, U.P.
8. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P. O. Kankhal, (Hardwar) Saharanpur, U.P.
9. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Kali Mandir, P.O. Uttar Kashi, U.P.

The names of about half a dozen other institutions named after Mataji are not included in this list as they are not managed and controlled by this organisation.

10. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Patal Devi, P.O. Almora, U.P.
11. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram
P. O Dhaulchina, Almora, U.P.
12. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Naimisharanya, Distt. Sitapur, U.P.
13. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Kalkaji, New Delhi-19 (Phone 631378)
14. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Kamarhati, Calcutta-58 (Phone 611328)
15. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Chandipur Tarapith, Dt Birbhum, West Bengal
16. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Rajgir, Nalanda, Bihar
17. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Main Road, P.O. Ranchi, Bihar
18. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Swargadwar, P.O. Puri, Orissa
19. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Bhimpura, P.O. Chandod, Baroda, Gujarat
20. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
Ganesh Khind Road, Poona-7 Phone : 58784
21. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Bairagarh, Bhopal M.P.

22. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Agartala, West Tripura
23. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Ashram,
P.O. Kedar Nath, Chamoli U.P.

Branch Institutions :

1. Mata Anandamayee Hospital,
Shivala, Varanasi, U.P. (Phone 52591)
 2. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Kanyapeeth,
Bhadaini, Varanasi U.P.
 3. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Vidyapeeth,
Patal Devi, Almora U.P.
 4. Ma Anandamayee Karuna, Shivala, Varanasi.
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